President’s Message

Presidential visits around the globe offer views and insights that are invaluable in assessing the growth of our Academy. With visits to Colorado (Terry Berwick’s Section), Georgia (Jay Harrington’s Section), Ontario, Canada (Aldo Boccia’s Section), Ecuador (Antonieta Swanson’s Section), Peru (Gilberto Henostroza’s Section), Mexico (Ernesto Acuna’s Section), and Ron Stifter and Gene Schoemaker in my own Wisconsin Section, it’s refreshing to see the creative projects pursued in the name of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

I have only just returned weary, yet energized, from a highly successful visit to our European Sections in France, Belgium, and Switzerland. Pierre Fauchard Academy in Europe is definitely on the move, thanks to the efforts of Trustee Hubert Ouvrard and Trustee Emeritus Pierre Marois. In Paris, in addition to inducting new Fellows, I was privileged to present an Honorary Fellowship in the Academy to Dr. Christian Couzinou, President of the National Council of Surgeon-Dentists. Also Dr. Rafiuddin Ahmed’s plaque was added to the PFA Wall of Fame to honor his contributions to the profession of dentistry in India. Section Chair Marie Laure Boy-LeFevre, Dean of the Dental School, presented scholarships to three outstanding students and the PFA Foundation grant for the Dental Service Bus was announced. Dr. Couzinou surprised me by presenting to me, as PFA President, the Medal of Vermeil of the National Council, an honor of which I am truly proud.

Belgium/Luxembourg Section Chair Jose Dahan organized an evening of Continuing Education with guest speaker Dr. Christian Colpaert. His topic was “Oral Hygiene in Europe.” Dr. Colpaert stressed the responsibility of health professionals to prevent dental diseases through dental education and motivation, rather than provide treatment. Although this was not an induction ceremony, we did have the opportunity, over dinner, to discuss the Pierre Fauchard Academy and its mission to those assembled.

Dr. Roland Soellner, Switzerland’s Section Chair, arranged an outstanding afternoon, including 14 new Fellows and honoring Dr. Carlo Marinello with the Elmer S. Best Memorial Award, PFA’s highest international honor. Dr. Marinello, highly regarded and well known, is an educator in the fields of prosthodontics and periodontics at the Dental School, University of Basel. Throughout his career, which encompasses research, writing, and lecturing, he has received numerous awards and recognition worldwide.

On each occasion, I had the opportunity to discuss the concept of mentorship and how it profits the mentor as well as the student and young practitioner. In all three cities we were warmly received and the new Fellows showed pride at being recognized with this honor. They truly appreciate the PFA President’s attendance at their induction ceremony and I encourage future Presidents to participate whenever and wherever possible.

James A. Englander, D.D.S.
President
This year the 2008 Elmer S. Best Memorial Award was presented to its third Swiss recipient, Carlo Marinello. Dr. Louis A. Baume was bestowed with this honor in 1971, and Dr. Hans Freihofer was the second Swiss recipient in 1975.

Dr. Roland Soellner presided over the ceremony on a lovely summer day on 5 July in the beautiful setting of FIFA Headquarters (seat of the International Football Association) overlooking the city of Zurich attended by some 120 guests. PFA President James Englander gave opening remarks concerning the PFA Foundation and the Mentorship Program. European Trustee Hubert Ouvrard discussed an overview of the European Region.

Dr. Roland Soellner introduced the Best recipient in glowing terms: “His personal integrity has made him a classic role model for others. Among other distinctions, he has recently been elected Teacher of the Year by his students in Basel, and Lecturer of the Year by the Society of Periodontology.” Many dentists in the audience have had first-hand experience of his gentle teaching qualities.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Carlo Marinello described his visit to the dentist at the age of 9. He was fascinated by the character of the dentist and his ability to manage several different dental instruments. The dentist noticed this concentration and presented him with a dental mirror and an explorer as a parting gift. From that moment on Dr. Marinello wanted to become a dentist. Dr. Marinello had other great mentors in his dental career—Drs. Peter Schaerer, Bo Bergman, Jan Lindhe, and George Zarb. Their philanthropic bearing and positive influence on many professionals were the foundations of Carlo Marinello’s own development. Milestones have been his sojourns in dental colleges in Goteburg and recently New York.

Professor Marinello pointed out that the concepts of “mentorship” and “behaviour as a member of a real profession” embodies the basic qualities sought by the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He described our profession as a collective of expert service providers who have committed themselves mutually and publicly to consistently give priority to the existential needs and interests of the public they serve above their own interests and who are, in turn, trusted by the public to do this. To have a profession and to be a professional thus means to fulfill the terms of an unwritten social contract between society and the individual; but in the profession as a whole, Carlo Marinello felt that competence, lifelong learning, service to the public, prophylaxis, a high level of personal responsibility, a real professional attitude and an adequate, liberal billing system are the factors required in high-quality dentistry today.

The Ceremony concluded with the Induction of 14 new Fellows into the Academy. These included university lecturers, dental society officials, and private practitioners. A fine buffet was then provided.

**Best Award Recipient Dr. Carlo P. Marinello**

Dr. Marinello passed his Board Examination from the University of Zurich in 1976. From 1977 to 1981, he served as Assistant Professor and Acting Head of the Dental Public Health Clinic in Zurich. From 1981 to 1989, he was Assistant Professor for the Department of Fixed and Removable Prosthodontic and Dental Materials Sciences at the University of Zurich. In 1989, he completed his thesis and became Associate Professor. From 1989 to 1990, he was a Visiting Research Professor in the Department of Periodontology at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, where he received his Master’s degree in 1995. From 1991 to 1992, he was Associate Professor and Head of Periodontology in the Department of Preventive Dentistry, Periodontology and Cariology at the University of Zurich. In 1992, he was promoted to full Professorship Extraordinarius ad Personam for Periodontology at Zurich. Since 1995, he has been a full-time Professor and Chairman of the Department of Reconstructive Dentistry and Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Disorders at the Dental School at the University of Basel. He also was an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the North Carolina School of Dentistry at Chapel Hill (2001 to 2004). He is a Scientific Member of the Swiss Society of Periodontology; since 2002, a Consultant and Examiner at the Dental Hygiene School in Zurich; and since 2002, President of the Examining Commission in prosthodontics for the Swiss Society of Reconstructive Dentistry (SSDR) as well as a Board Member of that society. Dr. Marinello has headed the Peter Schaerer Study Club since 1999. He is a Fellow of numerous national and international prosthetic prostodontic groups such as the SSDR, the Swiss Society of Oral Implantology (SGI), the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry (AARD), the American Academy of Prosthodontics (AAP), the American Prosthodontic Society (APS), the International College of Prosthodontics (ICP), and the European Academy of Esthetic Dentistry (EAED). He has authored over 140 referred papers, book chapters, and overviews.

In 2003, he was presented the Distinguished Lecturer Award from the American College of Prosthodontics; and in 2006 he was Teacher of the Year.
PFA ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

The annual PFA Awards Banquet is the highlight of the PFA year as well as the Board Meeting Sessions. This year the luncheon banquet will be held on Saturday, 18 October 2008 at Grand Hyatt Hotel, Texas Ballroom, 11:30 A.M. to about 2 P.M. This year, the selection for the PFA Gold Medal is Dr. Marjorie Jeffcoat, Dean for the University of Pennsylvania.

The Dental Trade & Industry Award will be presented to Mr. Saul Brietman of Argentina, President of Bernabo Laboratories. Honorary Fellowship will be bestowed upon Dr. Jurgen Weitkamp of Germany. The Elmer S. Best Memorial Award was conferred upon Dr. Carlo P. Marinello of Switzerland last July in a ceremony in Zurich.

Dr. Marjorie K. Jeffcoat

Dr. Marjorie K. Jeffcoat is the Morton Amsterdam Dean and Professor of Periodontics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. She also serves as the school’s eleventh Dean and the first woman Dean in its 128-year history.

Prior to her appointment with Penn Dental in July 2003, Dr. Jeffcoat served as Assistant Dean of Research and Professor and Chair of the Department of Periodontics at the University of Alabama at the Birmingham School of Dentistry. While at Alabama, she was also a Professor of Biomedical Engineering, held the James Rosen Endowed Chair of Dental Research, and served as Interim Chair for the Department of Oral Biology.

She is a 1976 graduate of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and taught periodontology there for 10 years.

Dr. Jeffcoat was elected to the Institute of Medicine in October 2005 and is currently a member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) Advisory Committee for Research on Women’s Health, the National Institutes for Dental Research National Advisory Committee, the American Academy of Periodontology Clinical Trials Committee, the Academy of Osseointegration Board of Directors, and the International Association for Dental Research Board of Directors. She has served as President of the Academy of Osseointegration, the American Association for Dental Research, and the International Association for Dental Research.

Dr. Jeffcoat also serves on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Periodontology, the Current Opinion in Dentistry, and the Journal of Periodontal Research. From 2001 to 2004, she was Editor of the Journal of the American Dental Association. She is a Member of the Board of Governors for the Philadelphia Dental Association. Dr. Jeffcoat received the Pennsylvania Recognition Award in 2008.

Her recent work has included studies on the relationship between preterm birth and periodontal disease; and between osteoporosis and periodontal disease progression.

ADA REPORTS—NEWS YOU CAN USE

FDA, CDC Dental Prosthesis Safety Concerns

Chicago…The American Dental Association (ADA) reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) addressed safety concerns raised by the media reports concerning lead in dental prostheses. According to the CDC, trace amounts of lead at a level of 200 ppm are “EXTREMELY unlikely to cause adverse health effects.” The CDC does not recommend that the fabrication of necessary dental prostheses be delayed due to this finding, nor that such prostheses already in place be removed. According to the CDC response, many consumer products contain trace amounts of lead. Federal regulations limit the amount in consumer products, based on the way the body absorbs lead, its potential hazard, and the lead level product manufacturers can achieve using good manufacturing practices.

In a press release dated April 29, 2008, ADA President Mark Feldman stated, “We are still conducting our own test of dental prostheses and will take the CDC up on its offer to evaluate the results.” The ADA Foundation’s Paffenbarger Research Center is currently testing domestic and foreign prostheses to determine: 1) the degree to which lead may be present; 2) where the lead may be located in the prostheses; and 3) how much, if any, lead may be released from such prostheses. Their findings, once known, will be shared with the profession.

The FDA regulates the materials used to make dental crowns and bridges. The ADA research on this matter should not be viewed as usurping the duties of the FDA to continue to regulate the industry.
**ADA Study: Essential Dental Treatment Safe for Pregnant Women**

Chicago…An ADA study published in the June issue of the *Journal of the American Dental Association* (JADA) reports that pregnant women can safely undergo essential dental treatment and receive topical and local anesthetics at 13 to 21 weeks gestation. Obstetricians usually consider dental care for pregnant women to be safe based on the results of the Obstetrics and Periodontal Therapy Trial in which pregnant women with periodontitis received deep scaling and root planning, and essential dental treatment of moderate to severe cavities, or fractured or abscessed teeth.

The ADA reported study was based on the findings of 823 pregnant women, between 13 and 21 weeks gestation through 3 months post delivery. As a safety precaution, experts recommend that pregnant women defer elective dental care before 8 weeks gestation and in late pregnancy. In the study 483 women required essential dental care and 351 completed all recommended treatment safely.

The researchers concluded that periodontal treatment and/or essential dental treatment did not significantly increase the risk of any adverse events.

The research team was lead by Dr. Bryan Michalowski, Professor of Periodontics at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in Minneapolis.

**ADA Launches New OralLongevity™ Web Site**

To raise the awareness of the special needs of an aging population, the ADA has face lifted its OralLongevity™ section of its Web site at www.orallongevity.ADA.org. The site contains commonly asked questions and answers; program outlines for presenting this to caregivers, professional, and patients; and clinical articles from JADA and other dental publications. This project is a cooperative venture with the ADA, the ADA Foundation, and GlaxoSmith Consumer Healthcare.

**SAN DIEGO GOES FLUORIDE**

A unanimous vote by the San Diego City Council last June authorized initiating fluoride into the city’s water supply. San Diego was, to this point, the largest non-fluoridated city in the United States. The project should be completed by 2010 in its three water treatment plants. California Dental Association (CDA) Foundation Executive Director Jon Roth expressed his thanks that the long journey to get San Diego fluoridated had been completed. The San Diego City Council also selected the CDA Foundation to manage the implementation of the community water fluoridation program at a cost of $3.9 million to serve the some million area residents.

In 2007, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California began fluoridation to its 18 million customers, which includes 9% of San Diego. This was the single largest expansion of fluoridation in the United States.

**MUSEUM NEWS**

Over the years our Foundation has supported the various dental museums as a means to carry out their mission to educate dental professionals and the public on the evolution and history of the dental profession.

We have supported the Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry (NMD) in Baltimore, our U.S. site for the PFA International Hall of Fame until the Wall of Fame became too large to handle our display and necessary supplemental information. The venue is now being displayed at the ADA Library located at their Chicago headquarters. However our support for the National Museum and all the great displays they host is still in effect. This year the NMD has been honored by receiving the 2008 Shils Award for being an outstanding transformational leader in demonstrating a commitment to promoting public oral health awareness in their innovative and entertaining educational programs for children.

The Dr. Edward B. Shils Entrepreneurial Education Fund presented their award last June. Rosemary Fetter, NMD executive director, expressed her gratitude for the recognition. The Edward Shils Fund was founded in 2002 to recognize and honor outstanding initiatives that impact on oral health or that provide educational opportunities in dentistry. It is under the administration of the ADA Foundation. This year’s award recipients other than the National Museum were DENTSPLY International, Dr. Robert Klaus, and Dr. Cherilyn Sheets.

Their online MouthPower program is an entertaining educational Web experience developed in partnership with the ADA. The site is in English and in Spanish with some 250,000 visitors to date.

Their Traveling Exhibition Program to other museums and U.S. and Canadian venues has reached a national audience of some 2 million people.
The Journal of the History of Dentistry (Vol. 53, #3, November 2005) printed an article by our Secretary General Richard Kozal entitled “Pierre Fauchard Academy Museum of Dental History” which highlights the dental museum so carefully constructed and furnished by our Secretary General at the Community College of Southern Nevada. The visitors to this Las Vegas site have long expressed their gratitude for fine work in its displays and dental history lesson for the public.

From the Desk of the Foundation President…
Dr. M. David Campbell

Most of us—particularly we men—do not like to admit it, but it is something that we have to do in order to get where we need to be. It is the admission of being lost. I have to say, I was hopelessly lost the other day. The ironic thing is that I got lost in an area that I know well, which is why I kept ignoring the navigation system that told me in that gentle, kind voice, “Turn right, turn right... Now calculating.” Finally I believed her and began to follow what she told me, rather than remaining in my state of denial. (If I had not listened, I would have ended up in another state, and not just the state of denial!)

The real problem, I discovered, was that I had actually started out in the wrong direction from the very beginning, so no matter how far I traveled I was still on the wrong route, and would never reach my destination, regardless of how sure I was that I was on the right tract.

This just is not a truism for driving.

If we do not have a clear picture of where we are now, it will not be possible to chart an accurate course to reach our destination—either in travel or in life. Often in our profession and in our personal lives, we think we are someplace different than where we really are. A healthy dose of reality helps us to refocus our attention.

We need that calm voice on the GPS to get us back on track.

Sometimes just believing that we are on the right road is not enough to get us to our destination. From time to time it is not only prudent, but essential, that we check our progress to verify that we are indeed moving either closer to or farther away from our goal.

As a Board we have clearly set out the vision defining where we need to be; we have made clear where we want to end up on our journey. Yet we also collectively serve as that GPS voice, which clearly guides and monitors our driving, to make sure that we not only end up in the right place, but that we make the correct “recalculations.”

It has been a joy to be in the same car (so to speak) with you all on this journey as we have relied on our collective wisdom, which as we have discovered, is always better than depending on any one person individually.

Let us continue to listen to the voice that guides us, corrects us, and gets us to where we need and want to be.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Philippines

Dean Diampo Lim of the Institute of Philippine Culture reported that the Foundation Scholarship Award will be presented to a student of Davao Medical Foundation upon the recommendation of Dean Erna Dimaya, a PFA Fellow, at Centro Escolar University.
Connecticut

Chair Robin Santiago had a banner year for the Connecticut Section, including completion of the first Connecticut Mission of Mercy event (CT-MOM). This program was initiated in Kansas as a concept of supplying some dental care for the large numbers of underinsured and uninsured adults. They felt that delivery of any care was better than none at all. This would hopefully lessen the impact on expensive emergency treatment. This program has spread in popularity to Nebraska, Virginia, and Tennessee and is now being held in Colorado, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Connecticut. The driving force behind its success in Connecticut is the compassion and dedication of Drs. Michael Perl, Robert Schreibman, and Ernest Spira. They enlisted the support of the Connecticut State Dental Association. The event was held last April with more than 800 volunteers participating with 170 dental providers (including 25 PFA Fellows) treating some 1,250 patients rendering nearly a half million dollars in dental care. The next CT-MOM will be held in New Haven in April 2009.

A Foundation grant of $7,500 allowed for the purchasing of supplies. Another is being requested for the project in 2009. While not a major answer for fixing the dental health crisis, this project generated all sorts of publicity to raise awareness of this need not only in the public’s mind but before legislators as well.

The Section was very proud of this tremendous effort and voted to recognize the doctors behind its success at their May PFA/ICD annual Awards and Induction Luncheon where they presented their Section’s Distinguished Service Awards to Drs. Michael Perl, Robert Schreibman, and Ernest Spira.

Eleven new Fellows were inducted into membership by Section Chair Robin Santiago and past PFA President Howard Mark, including Dean R. Lamont MacNeil. Dr. MacNeil addressed the gathering concerning his plans for the future development of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

Also in attendance as ICD Regent for District 1 was long-time PFA favorite and former Rhode Island Chair Dr. Christine Benoit, who addressed the attendees on future college projects. Past President Howard Mark gave remarks with the current Rhode Island Chair and Regional Trustee Richard Walsh assisting.

CT-MOM Program in action

New Connecticut Fellows

L-R, Trustee Richard Walsh, Past PFA President Howard Mark, Award recipients Drs. Michael Perl, Robert Schreibman, and Ernest Spira, with Chair Robin Santiago
Dean MacNeil of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine presented the Foundation Scholarship to dental school junior Kyle Sorensen last April presented by Connecticut Section Chair Robin Santiago. In attendance were past PFA President Howard Mark, Dean Lamont “Monty” MacNeil, and Associate Dean of Students Michael Goupil.

**Massachusetts**

At the 15th Annual Tufts University School of Dental Medicine Senior Awards Dinner last May the Foundation Scholarship was presented to student Douglas Delli Colli. Chair Norman Becker made the arrangements through Katherine Vosker, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

**California**

PFA Fellow Clinical Professor Robert Ho presented the Foundation Scholarship Award to senior student Pawandeep Gill at the School of Dentistry, University of California-San Francisco.

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**2008–2009 Calendar**

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**CANADA**

Trustee Barry Dolman in hosting the Canadian Awards Gala in Toronto was honored to have PFA Fellow Deborah Stymiest of Fredericton, New Brunswick, deliver the evening’s Invocation. Dr. Stymiest was installed as President of the Canadian Dental Association last May—the first woman to hold this position in 106 years of history.

Trustee Barry Dolman, assisted by PFA President James Englander and Ontario Section Chair Aldo Boccia, presented the following awards: Joel Neal, Honourary Fellow; Fellow Bernard Dolansky, Distinguished Service Award; and James R. Brookfield, Distinguished Service Award.

Fellow Larry Levin, 6T9, has been elected President of the Ontario Dental Association for 2008–2009. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry, a family tradition with his father, an optometrist, and mother, a physical education teacher, graduating from there and his wife of 39 years, Jacki, earning her Nursing degree in the same ceremony as did Larry. They have four children. Dr. Levin practices in Hamilton. Dr. Levin is on the dental staff at Chedoke McMaster Hospital in Hamilton. He has five Fellowships, earned the HAD President’s Award, and the ODA Award of Merit.

Past President Kevin Roach was highlighted in *Alumni Today* magazine (Spring 2008) as former Class President in their 35th Class Reunion. They collected $5,000 for a specific project at the new soon-to-be-built Faculty of Dentistry Building.

Dr. George Zarb has been honoured by the University of Toronto with the George Zarb Professional Endowment Fund which has a target figure to raise $1 million to establish a Professorship at the Faculty in George Zarb’s name. “While few have the greatness and opportunity to bend history itself, all of us can work to change a small portion of events. And, in the totality of those acts will be written the history of your generation…” -George Zarb, 2003.
FRANCE

PFA President James Englander attended our Paris venue of the Wall of Fame this summer to formally place the Hall of Fame plaque of Dr. Rufiuddin Ahmed of India on the International Wall of Fame. President-elect Charles Eller assisted with Trustee Hubert Ouvrard, and France’s Chair Marie Laure Boy-Lefevre.

A reception was held in the newly refurbished dental headquarters of the Conseil National de l’Ordre des Chirurgien-Dentistes.

In addition to the Hall of Fame Ceremonies, new Fellows were inducted into Fellowship.

JAPAN

Trustee Mamoru Sakuda served as Trustee for Japan for seven years and will be retiring at the San Antonio Meeting. Japan Chair Hirokazu Hashimoto has approved a new Trustee in Dr. Kiyoshi Ohura, Professor and Chairman for the Department of Pharmacology for Osaka Dental University. Dr. Sakuda has served well in his post for Japan and he will be difficult to replace.

KOREA

Dr. John Hunt, FDI Interim Executive Director, informs us of the passing of Dr. Heung-Ryul Yoon, 2003–2005 FDI President, last June 26 after a short illness. He was a kind and gentle man who served FDI for many years. Dr. Heung-Ryul Yoon was available for mourning in the Hospitality Room of Seoul National University with funeral arrangements on June 30. If further information is required, contact Dr. Tae-Hoon Kim of the Korean Dental Association.

PHILIPPINES

Chair Hermogenes P. Villareal reviews his first of a three-year term. His initial mention is the covenant established with the Manila Dental Society to offer scientific medical and dental education seminars and conferences to mutually benefit their members and their community. Dr. Villareal’s second program is a union with the Pasay Dental Society of the Philippine Dental Society to do much the same thing. Their Mid-Year Meeting and Christmas Fellowship held last December, organized by Dr. Armyl Banez, was a large success for the membership. Last February they nominated seven new Fellows to be inducted at their April Annual Meeting, Drs. Gemma Galang, Roger L’Achica, Armin S. Segarra, Michelle Sunico, Tagumpay Tapewan, Josepina P. Tiongson, and Reynaldo C. Torres. Probably their most successful project was their three-year program to monitor the oral health conditions of day care students until the eruption of the first permanent molars. This includes quarterly distribution of tooth brushes, toothpaste, and proper oral health care procedures to the children and the parents. Dr. Rosita Tan, Chair of their Community Outreach Program, and Dr. Elizabeth Carrasco, Chair of the Mentorship Committee started the program in the poorest municipality in the National Capital Region. Serving the 270 day care students of Barangay Masikap in Pateros, Metro Manila. At its inception both the Mayor and the Vice Mayor attended to lend their support and gratitude for the project. But not to ignore those supporting participants IPC Diampo J. Lim, Vice Chair Rosamary Yangchan, Drs. Vivian Gabaldon, Ramon Hebron, Margaritte Tiu, Gladys Tong, and four officers of their armed forces.

A highlight of their 28th Annual Meeting and Convocation last April at Traders Hotel in Pasay City was the presentation of awards to deserving professionals. IPC Diampo Lim nominated Drs. Manuel M. Cunanan and Elmer E. Bangaloy.
for Honorary Fellowship where they have served in the United States in helping young Filipino dentists prepare for the California Dental Board Examinations. They have contributed much to the PFA cause of the Philippines Section. Their annual meeting had some 64 attending plus guests. Life Members Rufino M. Achacoso, Primo E. Gonzales, and Sefronio P. San Juan were in attendance as well. Fellow Elizabeth Carrasco reported on the initiation of their Mentorship Program this September.

**SWITZERLAND**

Dr. Carlo Marinello, our recent recipient of the PFA Elmer Best Award, was mentioned in the American College of Prosthodontists Region 7 Newsletter.

**URUGUAY**

Chair Walter Lieber reports having a very successful Convocation with some 60 people attending with the ICD President and the ADI Regent invited as guests with Trustee Ernesto Acuna and President James Englander.

**UNITED STATES**

**California, Northern Section**

UOP Dean Emeritus Arthur A. Dugoni was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor last May by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO) Foundation. The award was presented in a ceremony on Ellis Island. Dr. Dugoni is currently President of the ADA Foundation, and has served as past President of the ADA, the American Association of Dental Schools, the American Board of Orthodontics, and the California Dental Association. He has also served as a Council Member for the FDI and as their Treasurer for six years.

Fellow A. Jeffrey Wood, Chairman of the UOP Dept. of Pediatric Dentistry, was named by the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry (CSPD) to become their 2008–2009 President. CSPD was founded in 1975 and represents more than 700 pedodontists. Dr. Wood is also recipient of the ADA's Golden Apple Award. He is a Fellow of ACD, ICD, and PFA.

**Connecticut**

The Connecticut State Dental Association has launched a public Web site at www.CSDA.com. CSDA was founded in 1864 to ensure that patients receive the highest quality of care from dental professionals. CSDA has more than 2,400 licensed dentists of which our PFA past President Howard Mark is one of their most active.

**Georgia**

The Sixth annual Leadership Conference and Convocation inducted 14 new Fellows into membership. New fellows are Drs. Leah Cook, Sherry Jordan, Rebecca Weinman, George Childress, Tom Darryl, Grant Loo, Mark Dusek, Chris Childs, Russ Clemons, Phillip Hanes, Chris Adkins, Brent Depta, Jason Young and Richard Kinsey.

New Georgia Fellows

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Dr. A. Jeffrey Wood
**Louisiana**

Past PFA Chair Frank Martello filled in for the ailing Chair Guy Ribando during their annual Section Meeting at the New Orleans Riverside Hilton held during the New Orleans Dental Conference/Louisiana Dental Association Annual Session. Trustee Karyn Stockwell attended. Their Distinguished Dentist of the Year award was presented to Dr. Ross DeNicola by Frank Martello with the assistance of Trustee Karyn Stockwell.

L-R, Acting Chair Frank Martello, recipient Ross DeNicola, Trustee Karyn Stockwell

**Massachusetts**

The PFA Senior Student Award was presented at the 15th Annual Tufts University School of Dental Medicine Senior Awards Dinner last May to senior student Teresa Silva Moniz by Dean Lonnie Norris. A brief bio of hers was presented in their Senior Biography Booklet. Ms. Moniz is a University of Massachusetts undergraduate in chemistry.

Dean Lonnie Norris presents award to recipient Teresa Moniz

**Mississippi**

Chair William T. Buchanan and Dr. Karen Crews have announced the completion of the PFA Mentoring DVD/CD Project funded with financial support from the PFA Foundation. Both expressed their gratitude for the help of Gene Edwards and Dr. Ronnie Martin who made this project possible.

**New York**

Chair Lynne Halik and Vice Chair Edward Feinberg and Mary Beth Dunne held their annual Luncheon Meeting last June at the Danfords Hotel and Marina in Port Jefferson.

Chair Lynne Halik and Vice Chair Ed Feinberg
Some 80 members and guests attended the Induction and Awards Ceremony which was held during the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) Spring Meeting. The PFA Officers were assisted by Component Chairs Elliot Moskowitz of New York County, Tony DiMaggio of the Second District, Peter Collins of the Third District, Kirk Gleason of the Fourth District, Bruce Seidberg & Mickey Fallon of the Fifth District, James Orcutt of the Sixth District, Bill Calnon of the Seventh District, Maureen Donley of the Eighth District, Stuart Coleton of the Ninth District, Richard Weiss of the Bronx, Frank Murphy of Nassau, Joseph Caruso of Queens, and Alan Mazer of Suffolk County. The Section inducted 17 new members into Fellowship—Drs. Gabriel Ariola, James Galati, Leonard Goldstein, Kevin Henner, Guenter Jonke, John Lagner, Paul Leary, Maria Maranga, Anthony Maresca, Paul Markowitz, Christian Mathiesen, Matthew Neary, Teodoro Regus, Jeff Seiver, Steve Snyder, Andrew Spielman, and John Young, Jr.

The Section’s Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Reneida Reyes, a graduate of the State University of New York—Stony Brook and a Master of Public Health graduate of the Harvard University School of Public Health. She completed her Pediatric Residency Program and Fellowship at Harvard University. She is a pediatric dentist in Brooklyn. She has a long list of awards and achievements to accompany her list of lectures and articles. Dr. Reyes has served as President of the Second District Dental Society and as ADA Delegate as well as Chairman of the New York Board for Dentistry and Consultant to the U.S. Public Health Service.

The Section’s 2008 Honor Award was presented to Dr. Kirk Gleason who has a full-time practice in Clifton Park. He received his degree from New York University. He is part-time Executive Director of the Fourth District Dental Society of which he is past President. He is a spokesman for the Capitol District. He was honored with the Robert K. Smith Memorial Award, their highest honor. He has received honors in the Capitol District YMCA, named Community Citizen of the Year by UCAN, and Small Business Person of the Year by the Southern Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Gleason has served on the Hudson Valley Community College, as Member of the NYSDA Board of Governors, and as NYSDA Secretary/Treasurer. He has been an ADA Trustee. He is a Fellow of ACD and ICD.
Fellow Robert J. Doherty of White Plains has been elected Vice President of the NYSDA. Dr. Doherty is an oral surgeon, past President of the Ninth District Dental Association, and recipient of the District’s Medal of Honor. He has served as Member of the NYSDA Board of Governors. He earned his degree at New York University and completed his Residency at Bellevue Hospital and at the Manhattan Veterans Administration Hospital. He is a Fellow in ACD, ICD, ADI, and PFA. Dr. Doherty received the 2007 NYSDA Distinguished Service Award.

Fellow Richard Andolina of Hornell was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the NYSDA, which is currently celebrating its 140th Anniversary. Dr. Andolina is a general dentist who has served as past President of the Seventh District Dental Society, past member of the NYSDA Board of Governors, and ADA Delegate since 2001. He is a graduate of SUNY-Buffalo School of Dental Medicine with Residency Training at the Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo. He is a Fellow in AGD, ACD, ADI, ICD, and PFA.

**Rhode Island**

Trustee and Section Chair Richard Walsh reports holding their Annual Meeting last May in Warwick. Four new Fellows were inducted into the Academy: Drs. Donna Hagerty of Wakefield, John Hogberg of Cranston, Walt Lada of Cranston, and Joel Picard of Woonsocket. The Outstanding Dentist of the Year Award was presented to Dr. George Resneck of Chepachet.

Dr. Roger Turkel of North Kingstown is now the new Rhode Island section Chair succeeding Dr. Richard Walsh, who had served since 2000. Fellow Raymond George is the new President of the American Association of Orthodontists. Fellow Jeffrey Dodge is the new President of the Rhode Island Dental Association.

**North Carolina**

Ten new Fellows were inducted into membership last May at their annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach during the North Carolina Dental Society Annual Session. New Fellows are listed under picture. Not included in the photo were Drs. Brandon Williams, Jessica Barr, and Kendalyn Lutz-Graver.
**South Carolina**

Chair Scott Cayouette presented the Outstanding Dentist of the Year Award to Dr. W. Lynn Campbell at their annual Meeting.

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**Utah**

The Utah Section met last February in conjunction with the Utah Dental Association annual Meeting. Distinguished visitors were past PFA President Gary Lowder and current USA ICD President Newell Warr. Section Chair Richard Petty introduced ADA District 14 Trustee Ken Varsman who presented an update on the ADA status. Dr. Richard Engar, a past PFA Distinguished Service Award recipient, was selected as Vice Chair of the Utah Section. New PFA Fellows were inducted: Drs. Leonard Aste, Alex Bankhead, Scott Brown, Lance Gunnell, Michelle Jorgensen, and Brett Moyes.

Their 2008 Distinguished Service award was presented to Dr. Charles E. Foster.

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**Wisconsin**

The home state of our President, James A. Englander of Milwaukee, reports that 517 volunteer dentists of the Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA), many of them PFA Fellows, have provided free, comprehensive oral health care valued at more than $4.25 million to 1,726 disabled, senior, poor and

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*Images:*

- L-R, Chair Scott Cayouette presents their award to Dr. Lynn Campbell
- L-R, Vice Chair Richard Engar, recipient Charles Foster, Chair Richard Petty
- Dr. Richard Petty (left) presenting Utah’s new Fellows
uninsured Wisconsin residents during the first 10 years of WDA’s Donated Dental Services Program. $1 million of that care was delivered in 2007 and 2008. Initially, members of the state legislature worked with then Gov. Tommy Thompson to provide financial support for non-clinical DDS administration costs of $40,000 annually through the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. Now the budget is $60,000 in administrative costs. Some 115 dental laboratories have donated more than $342,000 in supplies and services in the fabrication of bridges, crowns, and dentures.

WDA earned a Bronze Telly Award for their 30-second television spot called “The Tuneup,” which highlights the link between periodontal disease and diabetes. The spot has been airing statewide since September 2007. The American Diabetes Association reports that an estimated 20.8 million (7% of the U.S. population) have diabetes, costing them (in 2002) $132 billion. This spot can be viewed online at www.WDA.org. The Telly Awards were established in 1978 by Emmy and Clio winner David Carter to recognize outstanding local, regional, and cable TV commercials.

The WDA Foundation was established in 1957 as a qualified tax-exempt corporation which provides dental and dental hygiene scholarships, provides financial support to projects providing dental care to the underserved, and currently administers the DDS Program. WDA was founded in 1870 and headquartered in West Allis with more than 2,900 licensed dental members.

**California, Northern Section**

Fellow Dr. Nader Nadershahi has been appointed Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for UOP’s Arthur Dugoni School of Dentistry. Dr. Nadershahi is a 1994 graduate of the Dugoni School of Dentistry, where he has been a faculty member there for 14 years. He has served as Chair of the Dept. of Dental Practice and as a clinical group practice administrator. He operates a private practice in San Anselmo with his wife, Dr. Niloufar Nadershahi. He has earned such awards as the ACD Northern California Distinguished Faculty Member Award and the Phi Kappa Phi Academic Achievement Award. He is a Fellow of PFA, ACD, ICD, and ADI. He is past President of the American Dental Education Association Leadership Institute. He holds a Master’s Degree in business administration from UOP’s Eberhardt School of Business.

**Washington State**

Section Chair Barry Feder initiated the first “mother/daughter” Fellows into the Academy: Drs. Cindy Pauley and Pat Pauley.
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